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Twenty-first Annual Session

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...CHICKASAHAY...

BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

—HELD WITH—

Mt. Gilead Baptist Church,

October 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 1896.

OFFICERS:

L. M. STONE, MODERATOR, - - - - - Meridian, Miss
J. S. HARDEE, CLERK AND TREASURER, - - Pachuta, Miss

The next meeting of the Association will be held with Quitman Church, which is on M. & O. Railroad, 14 miles South of Meridian, beginning on Wednesday before the first Sunday in October, 1897.

MURPHEY & FARMER,
PRINTERS AND STATIONERS,
MERIDIAN, MISS.

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY—Morning Session.

The Chickasahay Baptist Association met in its Twenty-First Annual Session, with Mt. Gilead church, at 10 a. m., October 1st., 1896.

Devotional exercises by the Moderator.

At 10:40 Moderator called the body to order and proceeded to business.

The following committees were appointed:

On Reading—G. L. Donald, Sr., and J. P. Seabrook.

On Finance—L. A. Duncan and F. L. Busby.

On motion, Introductory Sermon was postponed until 7 p. m.

The churches were represented as follows:

Barnett—By letter.

Big Creek—By letter.

Buckatunna—G. W. Marshall.

Clear Creek—W. Z. West.

Concord—By letter.

DeSoto—J. U. Shirley.

Enterprise—M. W. Buckley.

Fairfield—T. J. Woodard and G. W. Legett.

Fair Mount—By letter.

Fifteenth Avenue—W. J. David, J. A. Hackett, H. F. Broach, Jr., and H. P. Culpepper.

Forty-First Avenue—L. A. Duncan and J. A. Rhodes

Meridian—J. G. Hasselle, L. M. Stone, R. A. Venable and W. S. Culpepper.

Harmony—By letter.

Hepzibah—Not represented.

Highland—J. R. Royals and A. D. McRaven.

Lauderdale—Not represented.

Mount Zion—R. E. Busby.

Mount Gilead—A. J. Pigford, S. E. Culpepper W. W. Moore, J. G. Sims, J. M. Shamberger and Dr. R. H. Shamberger.

Narkeeta—Not represented.
New Hope—By letter.
Oak Grove—H. B. Wright and R. W. Sumrell.
Pachuta—G. H. Nutt and J. S. Hardee.
Poplar Springs—R. F. Garten.
Quitman—G. L. Donald, Sr.
Shubuta—J. M. Phillips.
Stonewall—J. R. Hodges, H. W. Lightfoot.
South Side—By letter.
State Line—J. P. Seabrook.
Thompson's Creek—By letter.
Vossburg—Not represented.
Yellow Creek—Dissolved.
Salem or Waynesboro—Not represented.
Chicora—F. L. Busby.

Association proceeded to organize. W. S. Culpepper was instructed to cast the vote of the body for L. M. Stone, Moderator, and J. S. Hardee, Clerk.

Petitionary letters were called for, when Chicora presented a letter and asked admission into the body.

On motion, the church was received and the hand of fellowship was extended the delegate.

On motion, Thompson Creek church was granted a letter of dismission.

On motion, the hours of meeting and adjourning were fixed as follows:

Meet at 9 a. m.; adjourn at 12:30; meet at 2:30 p. m.; adjourn at will.

On motion, adjourned 'til 2:30 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotional exercises by Moderator.

A call for corresponding messengers was extended. T. G. L. Keene, J. McLemore and C. H. McLemore from Bethlehem, and J. R. Farish of Lebanon responded. Brother Farish also represented the Baptist Record.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Education—J. M. Phillips, W. Z. West and J. R. Royals.

Temperance—J. M. Shamberger, G. W. Marshall and J. G. Hasselle.

Sunday-Schools—W. J. David, R. W. Sumrell and J. N. Shirley.

Foreign Missions—F. L. Busby, J. P. Seabrook and J. R. Farish.

State Missions—J. R. Hodges, A. J. Pigford and W. W. Moore.

Home Missions—R. A. Venable, S. E. Culpepper and T. J. Woodard.

Sustentation—M. W. Buckley, G. W. Legett and J. G. Sims.

Nominations—G. L. Donald, Sr., G. H. Nutt and J. A. Rhodes.

Ministerial Education—J. A. Hackett, J. S. Hardee and R. E. Busby.

Colportage—L. A. Duncan, H. B. Wright and R. H. Shamberger.

Woman's Work—J. M. Phillips, J. R. Farish and J. R. Hodges.

On reconsideration and motion, the Associational sermon was to be preached at 3:30 p. m. by W. J. David.

On motion, adjourned until 3:30 p. m.

At 3:30 p. m., house came to order. Associational sermon by Brother W. J. David. Text, 21st chapter and 28th verse of Matthew.

On motion, adjourned 'til 9 a. m., Friday.

SECOND DAY—Morning Session.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Devotional exercises by J. R. Farish.

Committee's report on Devotional Exercises was read and adopted.

Moderator proceeded to appoint corresponding messengers to the following Associations:

Lebanon—J. A. Hackett, J. M. Phillips and L. M. Stone.

Bethlehem—W. J. David, L. A. Duncan, W. S. Culpepper, J. M. Phillips, H. P. Culpepper and L. M. Stone.

Mount Pisgah—L. A. Duncan, L. M. Stone and W. J. David.

Pearl Leaf—J. A. Hackett.

Liberty—L. A. Duncan, L. M. Stone and J. M. Phillips.

General Association—J. A. Hackett, L. M. Stone, L. A. Duncan, W. J. David, J. R. Hodges, W. S. Culpepper, J. S. Hardee, R. A. Venable, R. W. Sumrell.

Columbus—R. F. Garten, J. R. Farish, J. A. Hackett, L. A. Duncan.

State Convention—W. S. Culpepper, L. M. Stone, G. W. Marshall, J. R. Hodges, J. A. Hackett, J. R. Farish, W. J. David, R. A. Venable, L. A. Duncan, J. M. Phillips, G. L. Donald, H. P. Culpepper, R. W. Sumrell, W. H. Hardy, R. M. Guy.

J. E. Brunson represented Bethlehem. Lebanon was also represented by C. G. Elliott and R. A. Breckenridge, C. C. Vaughn and J. T. Swain responded from Bigbee.

Report on State Missions was read and adopted.

W. S. Culpepper read report on Publications, which, On motion, was adopted.

SPECIAL HOUR.

According to appointment, J. R. Farish preached at 11:30, reading first chapter of Revelation for the morning's lesson.

On motion, adjourned until 2 p. m.

Benediction by W. J. David.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Moderator called Association to order.

Prayer by C. C. Vaughn.

Report on Sustention was read and adopted.

On motion, the report on Foreign Missions was adopted.

Pending the discussion of above report, a collection was taken for Foreign Missions amounting to $11.28.

G. L. Donald read report on Nominations, which was adopted.

J. A. Hackett read report on Ministerial Education which was adopted.

Report on Colportage was read, discussed and adopted.

On motion, the old Colportage committee, which is R. M. Guy, L. A. Duncan and W. S. Culpepper, was re-appointed to confer with Lebanon committee in regard to the deficit on Colportage, and also with Bethlehem committee in regard to work in the future.

On motion, adjourned until 7 p. m.

NIGHT SESSION.

At 7 p. m. J. R. Hodges preached to the congregation, using for the basis of his remarks, 1st Peter, 3d chapter and 15th verse.

On motion, adjourned until 9 a. m., Saturday.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Association met according to adjournment.
Devotional exercises by Moderator.
Report on Home Missions was read and adopted.
Report on Temperance was read and adopted.

Fairmount, New Hope and Big Creek presented letters which were read and approved.

J. M. Phillips read report on Education, which was adopted.

On motion, the hour of adjournment was extended until all business was finished.

Report on Woman's Work was read and adopted.

R. W. Sumrell read report on Sunday-schools, which was adopted.

Financial report was read and adopted.

The following committee was appointed to attend to any business that may come up between sessions of the body:

W. S. Culpepper, L. A. Duncan, G. L. Donald, Sr., W. H. Patton, W. J. David, R. M. Guy, and R. A. Venable and L. M. Stone added.

J. R. Hodges, J. M. Phillips and R. M. Guy were appointed to take into consideraton a system of co-operation in securing pastoral services and a more effective system of raising money for beneficent purposes as suggested in report on State Missions.

The following places were selected to hold fifth Sunday meetings.

1st. Nov. 28th and 29th—Clear Creek, which is five miles south-east of Shubuta.

2nd. Jan. 30th and 31st—Lauderdale, about fifteen miles above Meridian, on M. & O. R. R.

3rd. May 29th and 30th—Concord, six miles west of Shubuta.

4th. Aug. 28th and 29th—Mt. Zion, three miles east of Winchester.

The following resolutions were offered and adopted:

1st. That the thanks of this body be and are hereby tendered the good people of Mt. Gilead and community for the generous hospitality with which they have entertained us during our stay among them.

2nd. That the Clerk of this Association be instructed to have printed and sent to the churches the usual number of minutes, and that he be paid the usual amount for his services.

Association adjourned *sine die*, with prayer.

L. M. STONE, MODERATOR.

J. S. HARDEE, CLERK.

Ordained Ministers and Their Post-Offices.

Culpepper, W. S.	Meridian,	Miss
David, W. J.	"	"
Guy, R. M.	"	"
Gressett, A.	"	"
Hackett, J. A.	"	"
Jones, A. I.	DeSoto,	"
Mason, H. C.	Chicora,	"
Phillips, J. M.	Shubuta,	"
Rogers, A. J.	Meridian,	"
Ray, C. S.	Enterprise,	"
Sumrell, R. W.	Shubuta,	"
Smith, Joel	Chicora,	"
Shamberger, R. H.	Gilead,	"
Venable, R. A.	Meridian,	"
Stone, L. M.	"	"
West, W. Z.,	Shubuta,	"

LICENTIATES.

Willie McKeever,	Shubuta
Jessie Catlett,	Almutcha
A. J. Creed,	Toomsuba

Tabulated Statement of Facts and Figures.

Number of Churches		32
Number of ordained ministers		16
Number of Licentiates		3
Addition by baptism	105	
" " letter	150	
" " restoration	12	267
Losses by letter	157	
" " exclusion	26	
" " erasure	12	
" " death	32	227
Present membership,		2281
Number of Sunday-schools reported		20
Number of S. S. Scholars		1185
Number of Officers and Teachers		151
Number of Church houses		32
Value of all		$43,316 00

Contributions.

State Missions,	$ 198 35
Home Missions,	189 21
Foreign Missions	224 17
Mississippi College	13 40
Ministerial Education	149 35
Sustentation	19 15
Sunday-school expenses	343 80
Miscellaneous objects	112 44
Pastors salary	5,684 75
Associational purposes	58 25
Total	$6,992 87

CHICKASAHAY ASSOCIATION:

DATE.	PLACE.	MODERATOR.	CLERK.	TREASURER.	PREACHER.	MEMBERS.
1876 Dec. 2	Shubuta ...	W D Northrup..	F C McGehee	M E Norris	W D Northrup.....	599
1877 Nov. 3	Enterprise..	O D Bowen	"	T C McGehee	T J Walne.....	609
1878 Nov. 29	State Line..	O D Bowen .	"	J P Seabrook.....	O D Bowen	696
1879 Sep. 5	Shubuta	W D Northrup	"	T C McGehee	W B Crumpton	717
1880 Sep. 3	Meridian ...	J W Bozeman ..	"	"	J M Phillips.....	634
1881 Sep. 2	Quitman..	W D Northrup	"	"	J W Bozeman	581
1882 Sep. 22	Buckatunna,	J M Phillips....	"	"	W West	778
1883 Sep. 28	Enterprise..	J W Bozeman...	"	"	W H Carroll	932
1884 Sep 26	Shubuta....	"	"	"	J W Bozeman	1032
1885 Sep. 25	Ellisville ...	"	"	"	L M Stone	1064
1886 Sep. 24	Quitman...	"	"	"	J W Bozeman	1339
1887 Sep. 23	Heidelberg..	"	W M Conner.....	W M Conner.....	L E Hall.....	1502
1888 Sep. 21	Hattiesburg.	S O Y Ray.....	"	"	T S Powell.....	1770
1889 Sep. 27	Waynesboro	J W Bozeman ..	"	"	J B Gambrell	2018
1890 Sep. 26	Ellisville....	"	"	"	J A Hackett.....	2350
1891 Sep. 25	Meridian ...	"	"	"	G W Knight..... ...	2316
1892 Sep. 22	Shubuta....	"	O D Bowen.....	J P Meyer..... ...	J A Hackett.....	2426
1893 Sep. 21	Sandersville.	"	"	J F Parker.....	A V Rowe..... ..	2435
1894 Sep. 20	Enterprise..	"	"	J F Parker.....	C G Elliott.....	2644
1895 Oct. 3	Pachuta....	L M Stone.....	J S Hardee	C F Woods	R A Venable.....	2336
1896 Oct. 1	Mt. Gilean..	"	"	J S Hardee.....	W J David	2281

REPORTS.

Clerk's Report for 1896.

Sept. 1895.

To cash at Association	$60 95
To cash from other sources	9 50
To balance	5 25
	$75 70

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Sept. 1895.

By am't printing 500 minutes	$40 80
" " expressage, drayage and stamps	9 00
" " stationery	90
Clerk's fee	25 00
	$75 70

Financial Report.

Receved for Associational purposes	$ 58 25
" " Home Misssons	24 25
" " Foreign Missions	20 88
	$103 38

The foregoing only shows the amounts sent up to the Association; the main contributions from the churches have been forwarded direct to the various Boards.

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. DUNCAN,
F. L. RUSBY.

State Missions.

The essential importance of State Missions can only be measured by the special order and emphasis given in the directions of our Lord in Acts 1st chapter.

There are more than a million and a half of souls within the borders of Mississippi.

There are 88,566 white Baptists within our State, divided into 52 Associations, and 1153 churches. Forty of these Associations co-operate with the Mississippi Convention, and others with the General Association.

There are 112,492 colored Baptists in our State, divided into 1,370 churches, making a total of 201,058 Baptists within the State.

This Association has 31 churches with a membership of 2,449

Your contribution to State Missions last year was $161 95. A little more than six cents per capita.

The apportionment for the present year, as requested by the Convention Board, is $400 00 for State Missions.

Thus it is seen that while you contribute $161 95, and are asked for $400 00, the Convention Board is giving to Mission work, within your bounds, $710 00. A difference of $310 00 per request, and of $518 05, in fact.

These figures are given for encouragement and for stimulation. Encouragement in that the brethren of other portions of the State are helping us. Stimulation in reproof so as to secure greater consecration, better organization and fuller co-operation with the Convention Board.

No people, other than a free people, may hope for ideal government and co-operation. The Baptists are the free people of earth, for it is truth that makes them free. The personal liberty of the individual Christian and the divine democracy of Baptist churches furnish the only true basis for concentration of gospel power and co-operation of Heavenly forces for the preservation and propagation of Bible truth and Salvation.

Christian co-operation is the divine inheritance of Baptists, which, when abused, is merest prostitution. It is feared that this liberty is too often taken as license until it becomes its greatest weakness.

The local church is the divine ideal, and whatever approximates nearest that ideal in Ministerial labors can but be also the divine ideal ministry. The practice of interlacing and sect-working the fields, and labors of our preachers is of doubtful utility.

There should be such local co-operation as will secure the strength of the stronger churches to help the weaker.

We call attention to the most commendable work of the Convention Board ever undertaken among the colored brethren.

Nine competent white ministers were engaged to hold as many institutes for the benefit of colored preachers during the last year and spent one hundred and fifty days in teaching three hundred and forty-seven of these appreciative people. One of our institutes was conducted within your bounds and by our own noble Bro. Venable.

We would here suggest a more spiritual and practical consideration of ways and means by which we may

help our brother in black who is not in Africa but in Mississippi.

We mention also the present policy of the Convention Board as to Colportage and Sunday School work. The policy is that of combining the two departments in the employment of several Colporter and Sunday School Missionaries under the auspices of the Board and operating in several distinct and separate districts so as to effect a thorough canvass of the entire State. We should give our fullest co-operation in this work.

We mention further that it is of greatest importance and saving that all contributions be sent direct to Rev. A. V. Rowe, Winona, Miss., Secretary of the Convention Board, and that all supplies be secured through the same. In conclusion, we suggest that you appoint a committee to take under consideration a system of co-operation in securing pastorial services and a more effective system of raising beneficent collections among your churches and that the committee make a report to the next meeting of the Association.

J. R. HODGES,
A. J. PIGFORD.
W. W. MOORE.

Home Missions.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located at Atlanta, Ga., has been charged with the work of evangelizing the waste places throughout the bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention.

It has an honorable history of fifty years. The Board has come to the assistance of Mississippi Baptists in paying off the debt of the Jackson Church to the

amount of $5,000, for which we are profoundly grateful.

In the last meeting of the State Convention it was determined to raise, for the work of this Board, $4,000 during the current Conventional year.

As a summary of the work of this Board, we append a part of Convention Committee's report:

Missionaries	411
Churches and Stations	1626
Sunday Schools organized	372
Houses of Worship built	92
Houses of Worship improved	146

Mississippi Baptist Convention.

Work of this Board in Mississippi:

Missionaries	15
Churches and Stations	32
Baptisms	302
Received by letter	163
Sunday Schools organized	2
Churches constituted	4
Houses of Worship built	5
Houses of Worship improved	9
Amount expended on houses of worship	$8,000

Whereas, Mississippi failed to raise the full $4,000 asked by this Board last year, your committee recommend that we ask this amount from the churches represented in this convention for the current year.

Submitted with respect by

R. A. VENABLE,
T. J. WOODWARD,
Committee.

Foreign Missions.

The Bible makes no distinction in Missions. Our Savior's last command was: "Go, ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." Hence we must not only bear the message of Salvation to the people at home, but take it to all nations, and God has opened the way. There are few, if any, countries now in which there is not an open door and men and women are waiting to be sent.

Our Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, Va., is occupying China, Africa, Japan, Italy, Brazil and Mexico, and a grand work is being done. There has been an increase of nine missionaries the past year, making 76 in the field; 13 churches have been added, making 98, with a total membership of 4,295 and 1,713 in the Sunday Schools.

We gather these facts from the minutes of the last session of our State Convention. Secretary Willingham reports Mississippi as raising more than her quota.

There has been an increase of work and an increase of results all along the line. What is our Association doing to help the good work? The General Association, we learn, is sustaining a Missionary in Mexico through the Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Not to mention Mississippians from other localities, we have one from our own Association in the Foreign field: W. T. Lumbley in Africa.

In order to keep fully posted on this matter, we recommend our people to subscribe for the Foreign Journal which costs but 25 cts. a year, and that our

pastors present the cause to their churches at least every quarter.

Respectfully submitted,
J. R. FARISH,
J. P. SEABROOK,
F. L. BUSBY.

Education.

Years ago Baptists were, sometimes, spoken of as an ignorant, narrow minded people. If there was ever any truth in the charge it cannot be truthfully made at the present day. Our people are fully abreast with other denominations in educational work. But, while this is true, there is still room for further improvement along this line.

We recommend that parents, belonging to this Association, avail themselves of every opportunity to educate their children. If we would not have our posterity to be "hewers of wood and drawers of water" for others, we must see to it that they have, at least, an equal chance with them in the race of life.

The opportunities of the children of the present day are far superior to those enjoyed by many of us. In the public schools of the country every child of educable age may obtain the foundation principle of an education.

Those of our boys who are sufficiently advanced to attend College, and whose parents can afford it, should be sent to our Mississippi College, at Clinton.

Our girls should be sent to Stone College, Meridian,

Miss., as we believe it has few equals, and no superiors, throughout our land.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. PHILLIPS,
Chairman.

Ministerial Education.

"Knowledge may be power," but an educated man is a force. Only one half of one per cent. of our entire population are College graduates, and yet sixty per cent. of our men in high places and of greater usefulness in Church and State, are College graduates.

We, ministers of the Gospel, need to be workmen that needeth not to be ashamed in order that we may have the force necessary to make ourselves fully felt in the world, in all places, for the good of souls and for the glory of God. In a word we must keep pace, if not advance in knowledge and skill, with the generation we are in, or be a back number, as the people with whom we move are thus advancing with the speed of the age.

There is no doubt but that we have the best facilities for Ministerial education in both our Mississippi College at Clinton, and our Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. There are other schools, but these are considered the best for us, mainly because they are Colleges of our own.

God, Himself, calls His ministers and in doing so is "no respecter of persons," as to rank and station in life. He chooses them from among the rich and poor alike. It is our duty and our privilage to find those whom God calls and if need be aid them in making the best preparation they can for the work to which they are called.

The Board of Ministerial Education at Clinton, Miss., under the appointment of our Baptist State Convention has the special charge of the education of our young preachers, and are guarding it well at every point so that very few mistakes are ever made as to the recipient of the help our people provide.

Brother George Whitfield is the efficient secretary of this Board, and is doing an excellent work in soliciting, receiving and properly paying out the funds for the support of these young men. We would urge our people to give this matter their earnest prayer and to make liberal contributions to both in money and boxes of provisions and send it to Reverend George Whitfield, Clinton, Miss. We would earnestly urge immediate action in the matter, as the Board is in great need of such contributions for the young men now at College.

Remember, brethren, those who help quickly help twice.

Respectfully submitted,

J. A. HACKETT,
J. S. HARDEE,
R. E. BUSBY.

Woman's Work.

It is said by one of our poets that in the dawn of creation,

> "The world was sad, the garden was wild,
> And man, the hermit, sighed till woman smiled."

When the mother of us all was created it was that she might be a helpmate to our paternal ancestors. And all down the ages woman has been a co-worker with man, both in secular matters and religious work.

Under the Old Testament dispensation, when any work was to be done for God, woman gave her time, her toil and her tireless devotion. When Moses instructed the Israelites to bring offerings for the Tabernacle, it is said they came both men and women and brought their jewels and precious gifts, and laid them on the altar of sacrifice. And the women that were wise hearted, wrought with their hands the blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linon to be used in making the Tabernacle.

And in the New Testament times, pious women ministered to Christ of their substance. They were last at the Cross and first at the Sepulchre.

The scriptures abundantly teach that woman is to bear her part in the work of bringing the world to Christ..

We are glad to say that the Baptist women of the South have performed a great work for the Master. Many thousands of dollars in money have been raised and contributed by them to all the various objects fostered by our people. Many boxes of clothing and supplies have been sent to frontier Missionaries and Ministerial students. Much has been accomplished in the building and improving the houses of worship.

The good sisters of our own beloved Chickasahay Association, have done much along all these lines, and they should be encouraged and assisted in their noble work by all our brethren.

We recommend that a Woman's Mission Society be organized in all Churches where there is none. We also recommend that work done by our sisters be reported quarterly to Mrs. A. B. Haven, of Clinton, Miss.,

President of the Central Committee of Woman's Work for Mississippi.

We further recommend the re-appointment of Miss Annie Brooks Currey, of Stone College at Meridian, Miss., as vice-President of Woman's Work for Chickasahay Association for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. PHILLIPS,
Chairman.

Publications.

The Bible, the word of God, is the Book of Books; it ought not only to be found in every home, but studied and obeyed by all mankind.

Aside from the blessed Scriptures, there is no end to literature.

Your committee believe if there ever was a time in the history of human beings when parents and all lovers of truth should see to it that the children and young people of the day are furnished with sound, wholesome literature, books and periodicals, that time is here in full force.

This belief is abundantly substantiated by the fact that thousands and tens of thousands of dime novels and other trashy printed matter are put on the market every year for distribution, and be assured are distributed. This tidal wave of evil must be counteracted, and it must be done by the people of God.

To our Churches and Sunday Schools we would heartily recommend the literature of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Foreign Mission Journal, printed at Richmond, Va., in clubs of ten or more, can be had for 25 cts. each, and ought to be read by all our people.

The Baptist Record, we unhesitatingly say, merits our hearty support.

1st. Because it has been adopted by the Baptist State Convention, of Mississippi, and has been used as the Convention organ for twenty years.

2nd. Because it has measured up, under the most trying financial circumstances, to its full strength in supplying the needs and wants of our people.

3rd. Because our editors tell us they have about cleared away a burdensome debt which has been in the way of the progress of the paper; that soon the paper will be out in a new dress and, if possible, reduced in price.

We do not believe the action of the Convention desolved the relation between itself and the Record as its organ, and think the Committee of Five went decidedly off the line of its duty in expressing such an opinion. We pledge ourselves to its support and heartily recommend it to all our people.

W. S. CULPEPPER,
H. P. CULPEPPER,
J. A. RHODES,
Committee.

Sunday Schools.

We note with pleasure that nearly all of our Churches report Sunday Schools, and that most of them are carried on twelve months. We believe all schools have made some progress and that much good has been done and that much more can be accomplished.

We would urge our ministers to be more diligent in their efforts to build ud and maintain Sunday Schools

in their Churches. We will, also, urge upon parents the great necessity of training their children for the work of the master and we believe there is no better place than in the Sunday School.

We would recommend that none but devoted Christians be allowed to teach them. For Christ and the love of his works, is the only true and great model that a Sunday School teacher should ever have in his view.

We recommend the use of the Southern Baptist Convention literature.

Brethren, let us strive by the help of God to do more along this line of work in the future than we have in the past.

R. W. SUMRELL,
W. J. DAVID,
J. N. SHIRLEY,
Committee.

Colportage.

This important work has at last received attention. The special committee appointed at the last session of the Association immediately made arrangements to put two Colporteurs into the field. Bro. J. M. Phillips has devoted all his time and Bro. R. A. Breckinridge spent nearly four months in the work.

We had expected co-operation with similar committees from the Lebanon, Bethlehem and Liberty Associations, but time forbade even to secure their forma consent. Notwithstanding this, we encroached upon their territory, presuming that it would at least give no offence.

Bro. Phillips' report: Sales and grants of Bibles, Testaments and Denominational literature, 1149 volumes; value of same, $558 50; miles traveled, 1500; sermons and addresses, 12; found 76 families destitute of Bibles or Testaments. He traveled in Wayne, Clarke and Lauderdale counties, mainly.

After less than four months labor, Bro. Breckinridge closed on account of the expenses, for which there was no funds. He distributed $156 20 worth of Bibles and other publications; traveled 850 miles, finding 49 families destitute even of the New Testament. There is here a deficit of about $100 00 to be made up, or allow one member of the committee to bear the whole loss.

The Hobolochitto Association came into the arrangement later, and Bro. J. M. Sammons was appointed Missionary and Colporteur by its Executive Committee. He has been doing an inexpensive work, and has received contributions toward its support. In this field there has been a great demand for Bibles.

We are, indeed, glad to report that the State Convention has adopted Bro. Phillips, so to speak, and will care for his full support. It has helped, materially, in his work this year, for which we are grateful. He is kindly commended to the brethren wherever he goes, while we still hope for co-operation.

L. A. DUNCAN,
H. B. WRIGHT,
J. M. SHAMBURGER,
Committee.

Temperance

We note, with pleasure, the continued progress of temperance. The sentiment throughout the country in

favor of total abstinence and absolute restriction of the liquor traffic has kept pace with other moral reforms.

We, as a Christian denomination composed of believers in Christ, should ever enter our protest and antagonize this great evil.

While emphasizing temperance or total abstinence as the duty of all, and relying solely upon personal faith in Christ as the final and truest solution of this and all questions of evil, nevertheless, we believe that intemperance finds its chief encouragement and strength in the sanctions of the law, that the policy of legalizing and protecting and receiving revenue therefrom is so clearly opposed to the plain teaching of God's word as to merit the unqualified condemnation of every follower of Christ. The people of this State are, indeed, blest with one of the best local option laws in the Union. By it the legal sale of liquor is prohibited in the most of the counties. But, it pains us to note, in certain localities we see men in this county violating the laws of the State, and trying to corrupt the morals of the people, by running what is known as "blind tigers." We think it the imperative duty of this Association to use its influence and prayers in uprooting this great evil.

We recommend that the following protest be reaffirmed:

1st. Against that policy of our national government known as the Federal Tax on Intoxicating Liquors, whereby this goverement and every citizen possessed of the right of suffrage, as an integral part of the government, is made a partner in the liquor business.

2nd. Against the policy of our national government

in the issuance of Federal Privilege Tax to dealers in prohibiting districts, thereby encouraging crime and the violation of the State laws.

We also recommend that the following resolutions be affirmed :

1st. That the sense of this Association is, if a church member visit saloons, sign whisky petitions, go on bonds of liquor sellers, vote for the sale, or in any way countenance or encourage the traffic of intoxicating liquors, it is conduct unworthy of a Christian, and should be brought under church discipline.

2nd. That we will withdraw from any church and refuse to receive any church failing, or refusing to enforce discipline as set forth in the foregoing resolutions.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SHAMBURGER,
J. G. HASSELLE,
G. W. MARSHALL,
Committee.

Sustentation.

Your committee on Sustentation beg leave to submit the following as their report :

It seems to have been the custom heretofore of the committees on Sustentation to satisfy themselves by bringing in a report, glowing in words of sympathy in behalf of the old broken down Soldiers of the Cross, that we to-day are enjoying the "fruits of their labor."

Reports of sympathy do not give "bread to the hungry," nor does it make an "old worn out coat new."

The report of Bro. W. H. Hardy, special agent at the last meeting of this body, shows conclusively that we can do something if we only try.

We do not object to the appointment of a Special Agent, but regret not having the report of Brother C. F. Woods, appointed special agent at our last meeting, before making our report.

We find, from the letters to this body, that there is a want of interest, as only one church has contributed to sustentation. This is not right, and your committee promised to see that their churches make a contribution and would recommend that the delegates of this body urge their churches to pay at least $1 00 for this purpose, or for each delegate to pay some themselves.

Respectfully submitted,

M. W. BUCKLEY,
G. W. LEGGETT,
J. G. SIMS,
Committee.

Nominations.

Your committee on Nominations have met and considered the matter before them.

We recommend that the next session of this body be held with Quitman Church on Wednesday before the 1st Sunday in October, 1897.

We recommend that Eld. R. A. Venable, of Meridian, Miss., be appointed to preach the introductory sermon and that it be preached at 10 o'clock a. m. on that day.

As Alternate we recommend Eld. R. M. Guy, of Meridian, Miss.

Your Committee nominates and recommend the appointment of Eld. L. M. Stone as delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, with Bro. L. A. Duncan, as alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

G. L. DONALD,
G. H. NUTT,
J. A. RHODES,
Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICE	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	Baptized.	By Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Dismissed.	Deceased.	Dropped.	Total Membership.	Sunday-School Scholars.	Officers and Teachers	Pastor's Salary.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Mississippi College	Ministerial Education.	Sustentation.	Church Expenses	Sunday-School Expenses.	Miscellaneous.	Associational Purposes	Total.
Barnett	Barnett	R. W. Sumrell	N B. Noble		1			5			36	39	6	$ 50 00	$	$	$	$	$	$	$	4 50	$	$ 1 35	$ 55 85
Big Creek	Waynesboro	J. D. Harrison.	D. A. Hutto	7	4	1		2	1		119			50 00										1 50	51 50
Buckatunna	Buckatunna	C W. Knight.	J. B. Davis	13	5	1		1			54	40	7	150 00			4 25				107 00	5 00		2 00	273 25
Clear Creek	Shubuta	W. Z. West	W. B. Falconer	7			4	2			70	20	4	60 00		1 00	1 00			1 00	20 00		1 80	1 00	85 80
Concord	Shubuta	G. G. Elliott	Jesse Carter	2	2						54	45	5	100 00		5 10	8 80		3 70			5 10			122 70
Chicora	Chicora	G. W. Knight.	F. L. Busby	4							19			120 00		4 00	1 00							2 00	127 00
DeSoto	DeSoto	H. M. Bunyard.	J. N. Shirley	1	5	5	1	22			49	25	3	75 00			2 75				15 00	4 70		2 50	100 00
Enterprise	Enterprise	J. A. Hackett.	H. R. Ward					4		6	58	58	6	200 00		7 25	5 00		7 00		25 00	23 74	14 50	4 00	286 49
Fairfield	Shubuta	G. W. Knight.	Wyatt Martin		10		3	9	1		115	60	5	60 00	9 75		7 06					4 00		2 00	82 81
Fairmount	Shubuta	A. I. Jones	H. A. Chapman		2		3	4	2		48			25 00										1 50	2 50
Forty-First Ave.	Meridian	R. M. Guy	J. E. Lloyd	4	14		1	21	3	3	147	135	16	720 00	17 45		73 07		85 00		184 00			3 00	1082 52
Fifteenth Avenue	Meridian	W. J. David	Geo Farr	2	12		4	16	6		195	150	14	720 00	4 00	66 25	36 26	3 40	10 00	5 00	210 00	66 00		4 00	1124 91
Harmony	Crane	J. L. Williams	D. R. Red, Jr.		4			1			51	70	7	65 00			1 75				5 50	5 63		1 30	79 18
Hepzibah	Shubuta																								
Highland	Meridian	L. M. Stone	E. B. McRaven					6	1		32	55	6	150 00	6 50		10 70				90 00	18 00	9 82	2 00	287 02
Lauderdale	Lauderdale																								
Meridian	Meridian	R. A. Venable	A. S. Bozeman	34	39		4	11	6		414			1500 00	136 00	57 16	72 00		35 00	5 00	1060 75	107 99	20 00	5 00	2998 90
Mount Zion	Winchester	T. E. Tucker	C. D. Ogwym	5	1	1	1	11	1	1	82	30	6	100 00	7 00	4 50					2 80			2 00	116 30
Mount Gilead	Gilead	W. S. Culpepper	T. G. Figford	14	3		3				175			175 00	3 05	3 25	5 65		4 15				3 00	3 00	197 10
Narkeeta	Narkeeta																								
New Hope	Tokio	H. M. Mason	Jno. L. Gray	6	1			1			25			40 00									1 50	1 00	42 50
Oak Grove	Mathersville	H. A. Pickard	J. Sumrell	3	9	1					41	45	5	48 00	1 80		3 00				500 00	4 50	2 00	2 00	66 30
Pachuta	Pachuta	W. S. Culpepper	J. H. Rodgers		5	1		5	3		48	30	5	125 00		3 60	4 55	5 00			16 25	4 00		2 50	160 90
Poplar Springs	Lucile	R. A. Venable	R. J. Walker						3		33	50	6	75 00			3 00	4 00	4 00					1 00	87 00
Quitman	Quitman	J. R. Farish	G L. Donald		3			4			42	35	7	162 50							5 00	12 00	27 82	4 00	210 82
Way'boro or Sal'm	Waynesboro																								
Shubuta	Shubuta	G. W. Knight	J. F. McCarty	2	4	2		9	1		59	56	7	300 00	25 00	26 00	43 03	1 00			38 01	32 52	32 00	2 50	191 05
Stonewall	Stonewall	J. R Hodges	W. H Mays		4		1	8			135	100	12	233 00	3 55	11 10	10 00		50	3 15	24 00	24 98		4 00	304 28
South Side	Meridian	A. J Rogers	J. M. Hickman		17			4		2	54	82	12	162 75	7 55						20 00	12 62			202 92
State Line	State Line	G. W. Knight	W. L. Etheredge		5		1	8	1		84	60	12	216 00			4 20				10 00	20 00		2 00	252 20
Thompson's Creek	Progression	J. D Harrison	J. V Cooley	1				3			42			2 50											2 50
Vossburg	Vossburg																								
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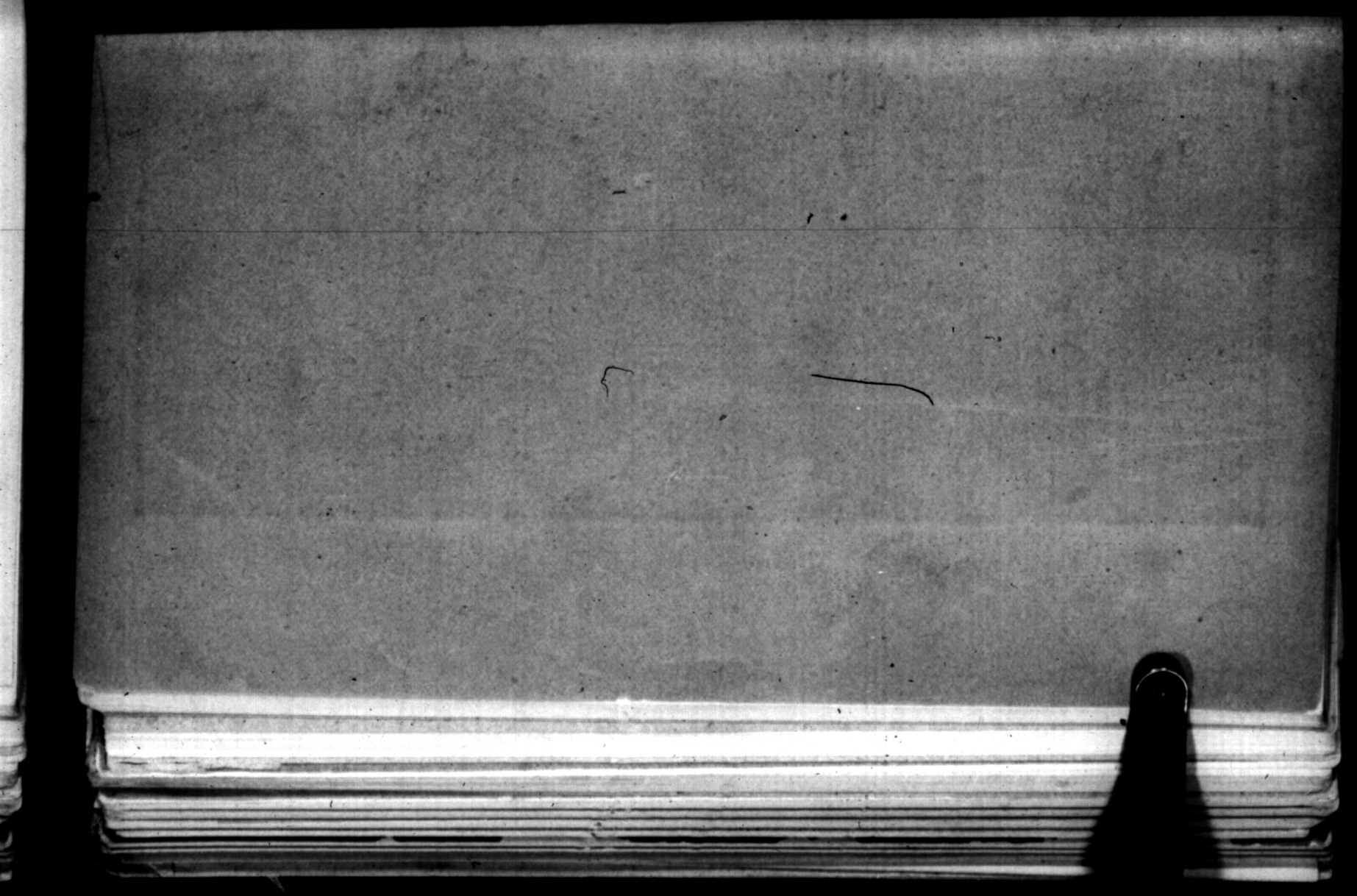

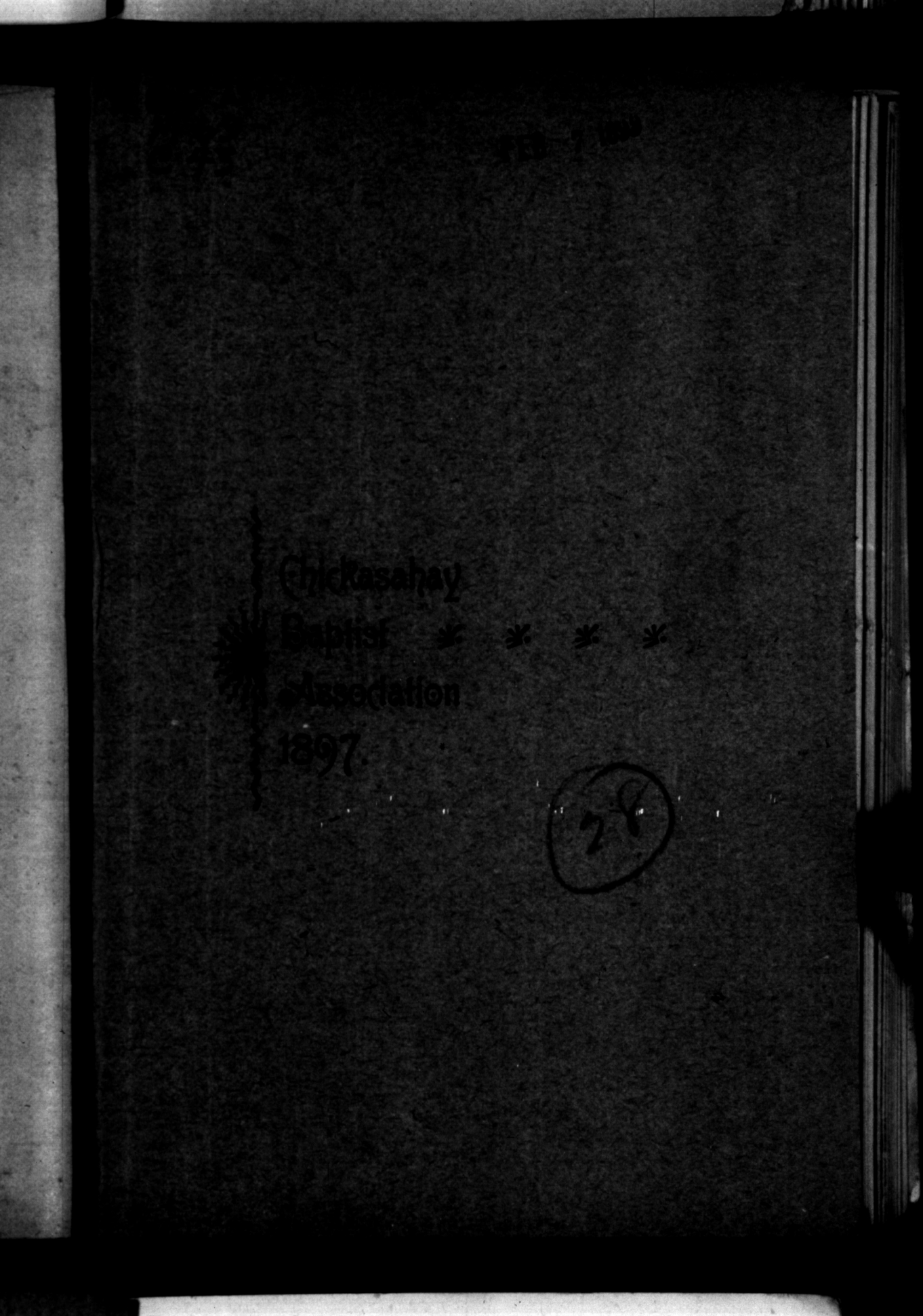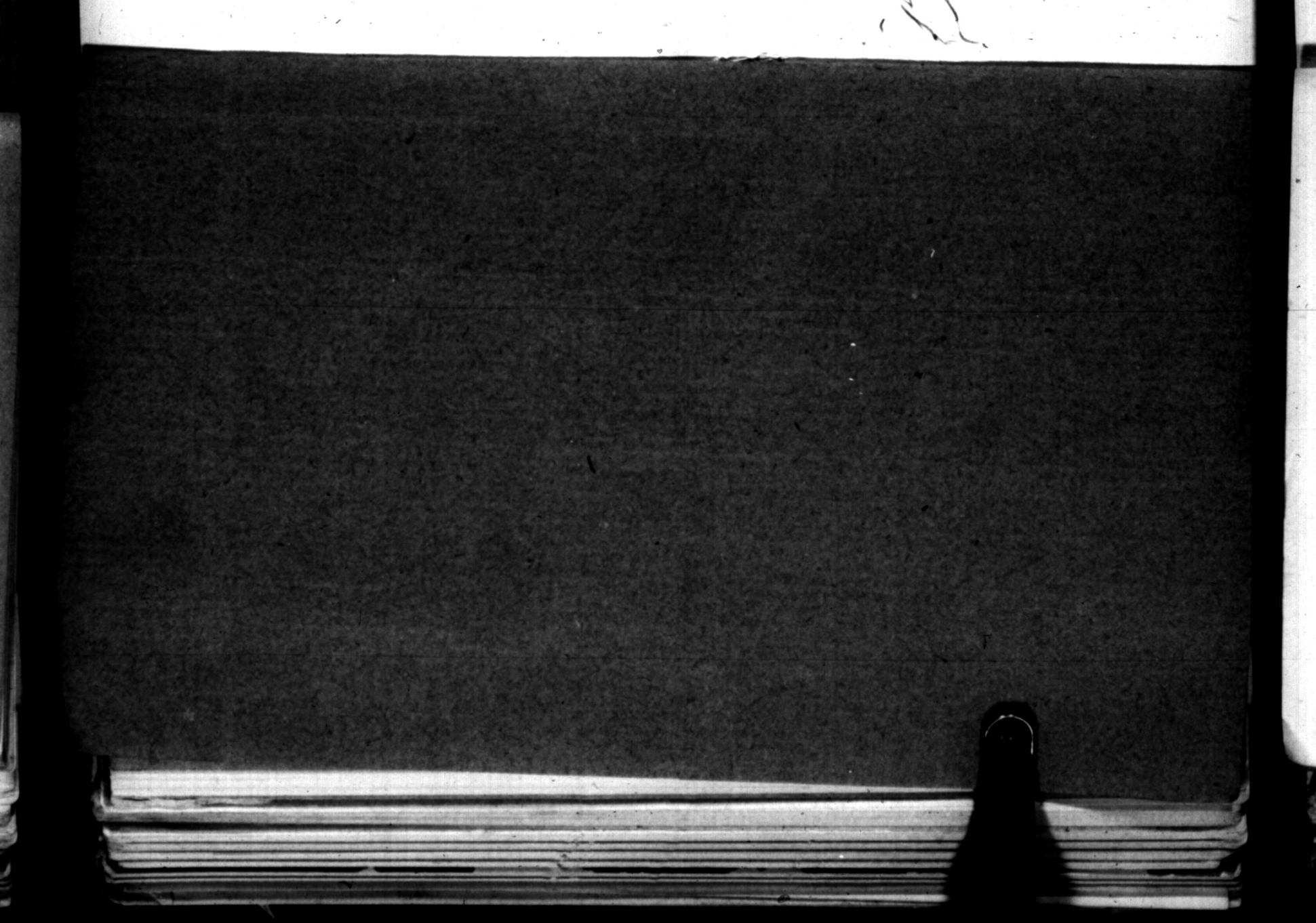
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